

# Cato Østerhus: approves of plans to sail Restauration to the United States in 2025!

The 200th anniversary of the first organized emigration from Norway to the United States will be commemorated in 2025 when the Restauration sails from Mosterøy to New York says the owner of the sailing ship, Cato Østerhus.

If a skilled and capable Captain and Skipper along with a qualified crew can be organized, plans can begin for the Atlantic crossing. With still four years remaining until 2025, this should be quite possible.

In order for this project to succeed, a separate organization should be formed to work in parallel with the Friends of the Restauration Association. We will see how this unfolds in the coming year but we are quite optimistic says Friends of Restauration volunteer coordinator, Erling Reilstad.

On Leif Erikson Day, October 9th 2021, four years before the 200-year anniversary of Restauration's arrival in New York, the new Emigration Center was opened in Utstein Kloster Hotel on Mosterøy. Leif Erikson Day is celebrated every year in America; especially by those of Norwegian ancestry.

With this center, the ship Restauration, and the emigrant exhibition, we have created a new offering for history enthusiasts, cruise ship tourists and other visitors, schoolchildren, genealogists, and of course Americans with Norwegian heritage. I believe this will prove to be a great success says Restauration owner, Cato Østerhus. 200th anniversary of the Norwegian exit to the USA must of course be properly marked by crossing the Atlantic with the ship "Restauration" from Stavanger to New York. The plan gets the green light from me. That's what Restauration owner Cato Østerhus says.

- If a skilled and up-to-date captain and skipper and a qualified crew show up, all you have to do is start planning for the crossing. This should be possible, because there are still four years on this project, says Cato Østerhus.

- If this project is to be able to go off the rails and be launched, a separate parallel organization must be established. We will take a position on this during the year. But is optimistic considering that this can be done, says volunteer coordinator in the Restauration Friends Association, Erling Reilstad.

On the day four years before the 200th anniversary that will mark the day when the sloop "Restauration" clapped to the quay in New York City, the new emigration center and emigration room for the first big wave of

immigration from Stavanger was opened in Utstein Kloster Hotell on Mosterøy on Leif Erikson Day itself. The day is marked and celebrated every year among Americans with Norwegian roots all over the United States.

- With this center, the ship "Restauration" and the emigrant exhibition, we have created a new offer both for history enthusiasts, for cruise tourists and other visitors, youth, schools, genealogists and Americans with Norwegian roots. I think this can be a success, says "Restauration"-owner Cato Østerhus.

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## Cato Østerhus: Gir klarsignal for Restaurationseilas til USA i 2025.

- 200-årsjubileet den norske utfarten til USA må selvsagt kunne markeres skikkelig ved å krysse Atlanteren med skuta "Restauration" fra Stavanger til New York. Planen får grønt lys fra meg. Det sier Restauration-eier Cato Østerhus.

- Så sant en dyktig og oppdatert kaptein og skipper og et kvalifisert mannskap melder seg, så er det bare å gå i gang med planleggingen for overfarten. Dette bør kunne la seg gjøre, for ennå er det fire år på dette prosjektet, sier Cato Østerhus.

- Hvis dette prosjektet skal kunne gå av stabelen og sjøsettes, må det etableres en egen parallell organisasjon. Det vil vi ta stilling til i løpet av året. Men er optimistisk med tanke på at dette kan la seg gjennomføre, sier frivillig koordinator i Restauration venneforening, Erling Reilstad.

På dagen fire år før 200-årsjubileet som skal markere dagen da sluppen "Restauration" klappet til kaien i New York, ble det nye utvandringssenteret og utvandringssrommet for den første store immigrasjonsbølgen fra Stavanger åpnet i Utstein Kloster Hotell på Mosterøy på selveste Leif Erikson Day. Dagen markeres og feires hvert år blant amerikanere med norske røtter over alt i USA.

- Med dette senteret, skuta "Restauration" og utvandrerutstillingen har vi skapt et nytt tilbud både for historieinteresserte, for cruise-turister og andre tilreisende, ungdom, skoler, slektsgranskere og amerikanere med norske røtter. Dette tror jeg kan bli en suksess, sier "Restauration"-eieren Cato Østerhus.

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